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For: IMPROVED INTERFACE SYSTEM FOR SYNCHRONOUS HIERARCHY

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 3, please amend the paragraphs section under the section "BRIEF DESCRIPTION

#### OF THE DRAWINGS" as follows:

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 shows a basic block diagram of an improved interfacing system for synchronous hierarchy telecommunication networks, according to the present invention;

Fig. 2 shows a detailed diagram of a first part of the improved interfacing system for synchronous hierarchy telecommunication networks, according to the present invention;

Fig. 3 is a Table 3 for illustrating the format of the data frame TRM1 according to the invention; and;

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Fig. 4 shows a detailed diagram of a second part of the improved interfacing system for synchronous hierarchy telecommunication networks, according to the present invention.

Page 6, amend the sixth full paragraph as follows:

In Fig. 4 shows the board CB1 of the switch matrix CM.

### **IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Attached please find *Proposed Corrections to Formal Drawings* relabeling Figure 3 to Figure 4 and Table 3 to Figure 3.

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### **REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **APPENDIX**

## **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

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#### **OF THE DRAWINGS"** as follows:

In the drawings:

- Fig. 1 shows a basic block diagram of an improved interfacing system for synchronous hierarchy telecommunication networks, according to the present invention;
- Fig. 2 shows a detailed diagram of a first part of the improved interfacing system for synchronous hierarchy telecommunication networks, according to the present invention; and
- Fig. 3 is a Table 3 for illustrating the format of the data frame TRM1 according to the invention; and;
- Fig. 34 shows a detailed diagram of a second part of the improved interfacing system for synchronous hierarchy telecommunication networks, according to the present invention.

Page 6, amend the sixth full paragraph as follows:

In Fig. 34 shows the board CB1 of the switch matrix CM.

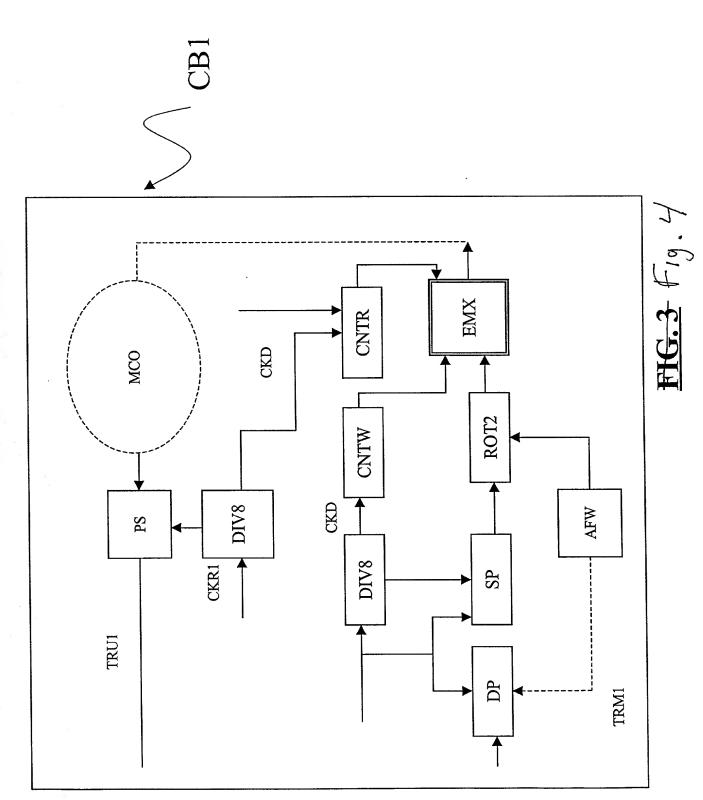
Page 8, amend the fourth paragraph (after line 10) as follows:

In this frame TRM1, the bytes indicated in Table 3, shown in Fig. 3 have the following meanings:

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